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**BKL Baukran Logistik updates 150 t Grove offerings with the latest technology**

* *BKL has invested in two Grove GMK5150XL cranes to replace its previous generation GMK5150L cranes*
* *One of the new cranes was displayed at bauma 2022 in Munich, Germany last year, before delivery to the German rental giant*
* *BKL is a long-standing Manitowoc customer and already has dozens of Grove mobile cranes and Potain tower cranes in its rental fleet.*

Last November, German rental company BKL Baukran Logistik received two new Grove GMK5150XL all-terrain cranes. The company is one of the largest full-service providers of crane solutions in Europe. It purchased the new Grove cranes specifically to support its tower crane rental and service business.

“The Grove GMK5150XL cranes are perfect for tower crane assembly, with their long boom and excellent capacity at height,” said Jörg Hegestweiler, CEO at BKL. “They are also easy for us to transport with flexible taxi capabilities. But then when we need to add counterweight for jobs with stronger lifts, we have that capability too. We have a longstanding relationship with Manitowoc and know we can count on them for class-leading cranes and excellent customer support whenever we need it.”

The GMK5150XL features a 7-section, 68.7 m main boom made with Grove’s MEGAFORM® design, using an egg-shaped cross section to deliver class-leading strength. It offers a host of attractive lifting capabilities for tower crane assembly, including the ability to lift 8.1 t at 68.7 m; 9.5 t at 66 m; and 13 t at almost 60 m. These load charts are unmatched in this class and come on a crane with a boom length surpassing most 220 t class machines.

The GMK5150XL’s load charts in taxi configuration are also best-in-class, ensuring easy roadability and transport savings for owners. Counterweight slabs are interchangeable with those from the GMK5120L or any other Grove 150 t crane, further simplifying logistics and handling. The flexible counterweight configurations enable setup to be tailored to customer needs. Taxi configurations start from just 1 t of counterweight and for configurations of 12 t per axle, the GMK5150XL can carry up to 10.2 t of counterweight. There is also a heavyweight counterweight configuration of 16.5 t per axle, which makes it possible to drive the crane with an outstanding 30.9 t of counterweight on board.

The new Grove boasts compact dimensions that other five-axle cranes can only dream of. At just 2.75 m wide, it effortlessly accesses the narrowest of jobsites, and with the MAXbase option for flexible outrigger configuration, optimizing setup and lifting position is quick and easy.

BKL was founded in 1969, and specializes in crane rental, sales and service. It operates across six locations in Germany, and supplies its cranes across the country and into Europe. It operates a rental fleet of over 500 tower cranes, including numerous Potain models, as well as running a mobile crane fleet of over 100 units, that includes Grove GMK5250XL-1 and GMK6400 models, as well as the newest GMK5150XL units.

To learn more about the GMK5150XL, click [here](https://www.manitowoc.com/grove/all-terrain-cranes/gmk5150xl).

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